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SUMMARY: SOCIALIST PROSECUTOR HAS SENT LIST OF INDIVIDUALS TO BE BANNED FROM PUBLIC ACTIVITIES UNDER REFERENDUM IMPLEMENTATION LAW. LIST INCLUDES FOLLOWING CATAGORIES: PRE-REVOLUTIONARY MINISTERS, THOSE ASSOCIATED WITH "CENTERS OF POWER", THOSE CONVICTED OF ACTS OF TORTURE DURING NASSER ERA AND KNOWN COMMUNISTS. ACTION ON INDIVIDUALS NOW UP TO PARLIAMENT AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER EACH CASE. SOME FORMER POLITICIANS OF PRE-REVOLUTIONARY ERA, MANY OF WHOM ELDERLY AND RESPECTED, MAY WELL BE EXEMPTED SINCE PUBLIC MAY PERCEIVE THAT SUCH SEPTUAGENARIANS POSE NO THREAT TO STATE SECURITY. END SUMMARY.

1. SOCIALIST PROSECUTOR JUNE 13 SENT PEOPLES ASSEMBLY LIST OF 136 INDIVIDUALS WHO, IN HIS VIEW, SHOULD BE
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BANNED FROM PUBLIC ACTIVITY UNDER PROVISIONS NEW LAW (DETAILS TRANSMITTED VIA AIRGRAM). EIGHT PRE-1952 MINISTERS LISTED, INCLUDING FUAD SARAGEDDIN AND OTHER LEADING WAFDIST. IBRAHIM ABDEL HADI, FORMER SAADIST LEADER, IS ONLY NON-WAFDIST INCLUDED (AND HE WAS IMMEDIATELY EXEMPTED, ALONG WITH FORMER FONMIN MOHAMED SALAHEDDIN OF WAFD, BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE).

2. EIGHTY-SEVEN PEOPLE INCLUDED UNDER "CENTERS OF POWER" LABEL. MOST PROMINENT ARE ALI SABRI (EX-VP), SHARAWI GOMAA (EX-MININT), MOHAMED FAWZI (EX-MINWAR) AND ABDEL RAUF SAMI SHARAF (EX-MIN PRESIDENTIAL AFFAIRS). FOURTEEN INDIVIDUALS CONVICTED OF COMMITTING ACTS OF TORTURE DURING NASSER ERA, WITH SHAMS BADRAN HEADING GROUP, LISTED SEPARATELY. TWENTY-SEVEN COMMUNISTS LISTED BY PRESS DO NOT INCLUDE ANYONE CURRENTLY PROMINENT IN OFFICIAL LEFT PARTY.

3. ACTION NOW UP TO PARLIAMENT. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER EACH CASE; ASSEMBLY PRESUMABLY WILL BE CALLED UPON TO VOTE. SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS HAVE FILED OBJECTIONS TO SOCIALIST PROSECUTOR'S LISTING. ONE FAROUK MITWALLI CLAIMED HIS SUSPENDED SENTENCE MEANT COURT FOUND HIM NOT GUILTY OF BEING "CENTER OF POWER". MOHAMED ABDEL MITAAL AGREED HE WAS MEMBER PRE-1952 WAFD CABINET BUT DENIED EVER BELONGING TO PARTY. ABDEL FATAH HASAN'S CASE WILL BE CONSIDERED SEPARATELY SINCE, AS MEMBER OF ASSEMBLY, HE MUST BE REMOVED UNDER CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS.

4. CONTRARY TO EARLIER REPORT, SOCIALIST PROSECUTOR HELD ABDUL GALIL AL AMARI NOT "PARTY" MINISTER UNDER PROVISIONS NEW LAW. SAME CONCLUSION REACHED REGARDING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MOHAMED SAMI MAZEN AND FARID ZALOUK, ALSO MEMBERS WAFD GOVERNMENTS.

5. COMMENT: SOCIALIST PROSECUTOR'S EXONERATION OF THREE FORMER POLITICIANS AND SADAT'S EXEMPTION OF TWO OTHERS PROBABLY IN RESPONSE TO CRITICISM RESULTING FROM LARGE NUMBER POLITICIANS LISTED, MANY OF WHOM ARE ELDERLY AND RESPECTED. EMBASSY CONTACTS HAVE BEEN HARD PUT TO FIND JUSTIFICATION FOR CONSIDERING MANY OF THESE RETIRED SEPTUAGENARIANS AS REAL OR POTENTIAL THREAT TO STATE SECURITY. EILTS

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